



School Nutrition Update – July 20, 2017

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✓ **Local Wellness Policy & Healthy Active Children Policy Updates**

The [Local Wellness Policy](#) and the [Healthy Active Children Policy](#) webpages on the School Nutrition website have been revised. The updates include:

- Local Wellness Policy Final Rule;
- [LWP recorded presentation](#);
- the recent updates made to the Healthy Active Children Policy by the NC State Board of Education;
- revised layout of information and links to resources on each page.

School Nutrition staff contact: [Tracey Bates](#).

✓ **Menu Templates Now Available**

The Menu Templates for [Aug 2017 through Jan 2018](#) now available on the School Nutrition website.

Please note the following:

- The Menu Templates run from August 2017 through January 2018.
- Menu Templates for Elementary schools are aimed at families and the Menu Templates for Middle/High schools are aimed at Middle/High School students.
- Template layouts are designed to fit within one page with fewer graphics.
- Templates were developed with MS Publisher to allow for customization.

✓ **Grant Opportunities for School Breakfast Programs**

Could you use assistance in developing or expanding the school breakfast programs in your SFA? If the answer is “yes”, considered applying for the following grants. We encourage SFAs to take full advantage of these great opportunities to grow your school breakfast programs! Deadlines for two of the grants are fast approaching, so don’t delay!

- [Action for Healthy Kids School Breakfast Grants](#)
Deadline: **Monday, July 31**
 - [AASA Breakfast Grants](#)
Deadline: **Monday, July 31 (12 p.m., Eastern)**
 - [Partners for Breakfast in the Classroom Grants](#)
Deadline: **Rolling**
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✓ ***NEW* Medical Statement Form Template**

The newly revised [Medical Statement for Students with Unique Mealtime Needs for School Meals](#) form template for use in the School Nutrition Program is now available on the Special Diets/Food Allergies page of the NCDPI School Nutrition website. This template was developed and approved by a multi-disciplinary team of professionals at NC DPI and NC DHHS who oversee the work that is done in schools with students who have Unique Mealtime Needs. The Medical Statement template includes the USDA requirements as outlined in USDA Policy Memos [SP 59-2016 Modifications to Accommodate Disabilities in the School Meal Programs](#) and [SP 26-2017 Accommodating Disabilities in the School Meal Programs: Guidance and Questions and Answers \(Q&A’s\)](#).

What you need to know about the new Medical Statement template...

- **How often should parents provide a new Medical Statement to the School Food Authority?** Previous guidance and new guidance, contained in the above policy memos, do not require that a Medical Statement be completed for every student annually or on a regular basis; however, information on the Medical Statement should be “current.”
- **Should all students who currently have a Medical Statement on file obtain a new one using this template?**
It is not necessary to require that all students who currently have a Medical Statement on file with the SFA visit their doctor’s office to get this new form completed for the upcoming school year.

SFAs may require updates as necessary to meet their responsibilities, but should carefully consider the burden that obtaining additional Medical Statements could create for parents and guardians when establishing such requirements.
- **When should School Food Authorities (SFA) begin using this new Medical Statement template?**

School Food Authorities may begin using this new template immediately for new students with unique mealtime needs or when a student needs to have his/her existing medical statement updated.

- **Will the Medical Statement be available in Spanish?**

A Spanish version of the Medical Statement is being developed and will be available soon on the School Nutrition website. We will notify all SFAs when it is posted.

Have questions? Need Assistance?

If you have questions, please contact your zone Nutrition Specialist.

✓ Professional Development Opportunity

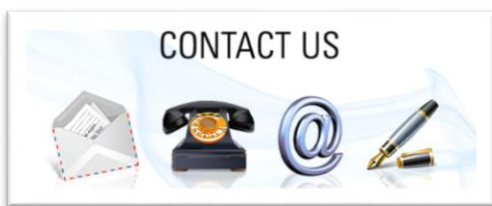
Course Title: Meeting Student Unique Mealtime Participation Needs with a Multi-Tier System of Supports (MTSS)

Meeting a student's unique mealtime needs (UMN; e.g., meal modifications and/or services required due to allergies, diabetes, other health problems, swallowing issues, and/or social-emotional-behavioral issues) is a complex process often requiring specialized inter-professional evaluation, intervention, and progress monitoring. School Nutrition Services, in collaboration with Exceptional Children, is offering a full-day course for **Traditional Public Schools** and **Charter Schools** to aid in establishing and sustaining individualized mealtime programming while adhering to multiple requirements under USDA, IDEA, Section 504, state law, and local policies. The session will investigate best practices, relevant statute and policies, and existing state and local resources for supporting students with unique mealtime participation needs and provide teams with planning time.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view/download the flyer containing complete details and registration information.

[REGISTRATION LINK](#)

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact [Susan Thompson](#) (email) or by cell at 919.218-4090.



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